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Chairman Bill Mundell Commissioner Mark Spitzer Commissioner Jim Irvin Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 MARORIDOMMISSION DOCUMENT CONTROL

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Dear Sirs:

I strongly believe it is my civic responsibility to express my opposition to the Warner Road & Val Vista Drive Power Plant Expansion, also known as the San Tan Expansion. Unfortunately, when referred to as the "San Tan Expansion" most citizens, living in Gilbert or valley wide, are <u>not</u> aware that this expansion is anticipated for Gilbert's "center of town," Warner Road and Val Vista Drive.

As a concerned Gilbert citizen, this letter is long overdue. We all have a duty to be aware of our environment and only by gaining a better understanding of what exists within our environment, will we be able to preserve it from pollution, air or otherwise, and hazardous wastes, to mention a few.

The anticipated power plant expansion <u>does not</u> belong on Warner Road and Val Vista Drive...this intersection is completely surrounded by homes, schools, daycares, churches, shopping, with ordinary daily activities that go on in any other neighborhood in the valley! The anticipated 1125 mgw power plant expansion by the year 2005 will contribute to the mass degradation of our environment, and Gilbert will no longer be known as the town with the "small town feeling"... the reason why most people move to Gilbert as stated by Mayor Dunham in her January 17th Town Address...but rather the town with the "largest power plant in a residential area."

Our community - our environment is in danger...and we are all responsible to preserve it!

Scottsdale citizens are fighting to preserve the desert...Gilbert citizens are fighting to preserve their environment, community and way of life... Why would anyone ask any less of Gilbert citizens?

Sincerely,
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Arizona Corporation Commission

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Copy of the foregoing letter has been mailed to:

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Kelly King, Editor Gilbert Independent 325 E. Elliot Road, Suite 21 Gilbert, AZ 85225

Opinions Gilbert Independent 325 E. Elliot Road Gilbert, AZ 85225 Five proposed expansion of a Balt fiver Project power plant in the heart of town will destroy our mighborhood! SRP has other options to expand power plants in more remote areas & not in the middle of a residendial area! Our property values could sink as much as 1570 per the Maiscopa Cty assessor.

We are becoming a dumping ground for power plants to sewe California. The land is cheaper here. And, at least one out of the three panel as. Corp. Commission agrees its lasier to build plants in as than California

Do the lilbert residents have any say so in the matter?

my husband + I way NO to the SAP power plant!

Kinda + Cary Stephan 1130 3 Western Skies Dr Silbert, az 85296

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ATTN: Marc Spitzer, Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Reference Docket #: L-0000B-00-0105

Dear Mr. Spitzer:

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On January 9th, 2001, I put earnest money (\$2000) on a home to be built in Neely Commons in the Town of Gilbert. This residential community is approximately one mile from the Salt River Project Santan Power Plant. At the time I put the earnest money on the home, I did not realize the implications this power plant could have on a home that was a mile away. I received a disclosure from Shea Homes the developer of the property. Please see the enclosed copy of this disclosure. This did not lead me to believe there would be any problems in that residential area and I accepted the fact that I would be living one mile from a power plant to be expanded. As you can see it, it only refers to this plant as being something positive for the area.

On February 24th, 2001 the East Valley Tribune had printed a story that Kevin Ross, Maricopa County Assessor, had revealed that properties within a two-mile radius could lose 10-15 percent valuation of the property if the plant were allowed to expand. This was very upsetting to me and I finally came to realize that building and expanding a power plant within in a neighborhood with so many residences could be a hazard not only to property values but to the quality of life and health of humans. I do not approve of the plant at this location, however, would accept it away from the residential areas in Gilbert. I do not feel that a power plant should be located within a residential community. The article also stated that Gilbert would be the only city within the United States to have such a situation with a power plant located in a residential community without a buffer zone. This is very disturbing as it implies that other cities have not zoned these plants within residential areas.

The Town of Gilbert now has a new mayor, Steve Berman, and I support his efforts to not allow this plant to expand and to be moved to a new location outside this residential area where it will not cause a health hazard or be a threat to property valuations. I would like for the whole plant to be moved out of this area and relocated. I am aware that our country is going to be in dire need of new power plants in the near future and do not oppose building new plants, I just believe this is the wrong location for one when so many other locations would be more suitable.

Please take into consideration all the problems this would create in your decision to allow Salt River Project to continue this new power plant. There are many people in the Gilbert whose lives will be severely altered in a negative way if this plant is allowed to continue. I believe it will affect the quality of life for people farther away than a two-mile radius.

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Thank you for taking time to review this truly unique situation in the middle of a residential area.

Sincerely,

Joy A. Wyse 1333 W. Guadalupe #724

Gilbert, AZ 85233 (927 E. Cathy Drive

Gilbert, AZ 85296) Soon to be address

Enclosure

Zoning Acknowledgement

Neely Commons

Community Carriag	e Toine	II Lot 174	
To the best of Shea Homes know Shea Homes has no control over	wledge, the attacl	hed plat reflects the zoning su	rrounding Neely Commons
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Holsum Bakery, Inc.

2322 West Lincoln Street Phoenix, AZ 85009-5827

Telephone 602-252-2351

FAX 602-252-6506 Commissioner Mark Spitzer ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Spitzer:

As you may know, our family business has been a part of this community for 120 years. One of the keys to our success has been the fact that an affordable power supply has always been available to meet the needs of our business, as well as the needs of our many business customers and our individual consumers of bakery products. A great deal of foresight, on the part of the power suppliers, has gone into what all of us now enjoy in this regard.

Thinking about our collective future, and knowing what is happening in other areas of the U. S. regarding power, we at Holsum want to urge you to give favorable consideration to the proposal by Salt River Project on their Santan Expansion Project. One of the very key factors that many business people consider when making decisions to relocate their companies rests upon reliable and affordable power supplies. We see this decision you are soon to make will have definite (and positive) implications for everyone in the East Valley.

Sincerely,

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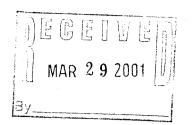
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Dear Mr. Mundell:

After reading about the latest round of rolling blackouts in California and after experiencing the 80-degree temperatures of the past couple days, I wanted to touch base with you, and offer my thoughts on the Santan Expansion Project.

I am a Gilbert resident and I live about 3 miles from this power plant. In fact, I drive by it every time I go to Target or Home Depot. I also happen to work at Salt River Project. Because of where I live and where I work, I am very aware of the issues surrounding the SEP.

Everyone has something to say and there are valid points to be made on both sides. But the bottom line, Mr. Mundell, is that Gilbert is experiencing growing pains. Today people don't want a power plant, yesterday they didn't want the Santan freeway (which is also about 3 miles south of my place). Tomorrow it will be something else.

I, myself, want my air conditioning this summer. And next summer, too. And I want my lights on, I want my perishable food to be refrigerated, I want my washing machine to work, and so forth.

I think this project is needed and I think it should go forward now.

Thanks for your time.

Regards,

RaMar Orgeron 15845 E. Redfield Rd

Gilbert, AZ 85234

In reference to ACC Case #105 Docket #L00000B-00-0105

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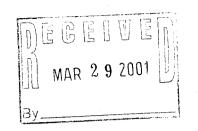
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We have been told that this location will allow SRP to add needed generative capacity much sooner than other sites because so much of the infrastructure already exists. Why is this important? SRP says that they must move quickly to avoid a California situation. Yet at the same time, they acknowledge that they will be selling excess power from this expansion and others that they and others have in the works. Do we need to do something that will have as much negative impact as will this expansion just to make sure that SRP can maximize their profits?

Assuming that it is necessary to move as rapidly as possible, why has SRP been waiting. The Arizona population boom did not start last year. Either SRP does a very poor job of planning or they consciously held off because they thought that the best thing to do. Either way if there is now an urgency, SRP would seem to be more responsible for the problem than those of us who will be breathing their dirt because they now have to act so quickly that Santan is their only choice.

It is hard to imagine that this location makes any sense for a major power generation facility except for it being SRP's most profitable alternative. SPR acknowledges that the expanded plant will dramatically increase emissions. To defend its position, SPR cites the EPA standards which prohibit an increase in overall emissions. To offset the planned increases, numerous programs are discussed. Many of these will benefit the broader metropolitan area. I am puzzled by how those offsets will counteract what will be dumped into my backyard.

We who live within a stone's throw of the plant are told not to worry about health issues; after all, the EPA will safeguard us. If the EPA can exert that type of control, why is the existing plant allowed to pollute to the extent that it does? SRP says that it will clean up the existing plant as one of the *benefits* stemming from the expansion. If that clean up is meaningful, then why is SRP being allowed to get away without doing it now, regardless of the expansion? If cleaning up the existing plant is not important enough to be required now, then why should it count in their favor as an offset to the increased emissions that the expanded plant will produce? My feeling is that just because the EPA allows something to happen does not insure that the practice is completely safe. It probably means that the practice in no safer than what makes economic sense for the various constituencies served by the EPA.

In answer to all of our objections, essentially, SRP says that to do something else will just be too costly. SRP suggests that it is their civic duty to make sure that electricity is available and affordable. Frankly, if the county assessor is to be believed, my electric rates will have to explode in order offset the erosion I will experience in my property value. As much as I want to bear my fair share of my civic responsibility, I am not sympathetic to the concept that I should submit to a financial loss of ten's of thousands of dollars so that people throughout the valley can have manageable electric rates. Somehow, it seems like the burden can be apportioned somewhat more equitably.

I want SRP to be profitable because I want to buy all the electricity I want from them at an affordable price. While I believe that SRP should be able to use their property as they see fit in order to enhance their profitability, they should not be able to destroy others' property in the process. Without really knowing what having a plant this size in the middle of a residential area will do to our environment, I think that it will be hard to fix a price upon all of the consequences of this expansion.

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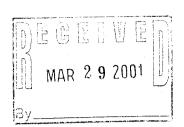
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Ref: Docket #: L-0000B-00-0105, San Tan Expansion in Gilbert

Dear Mr. Mundell,

I am writing this letter because of my family's concerns over the <u>huge expansion</u> of the San Tan Generating Plant at Val Vista and Warner Roads in Gilbert. I've attended some of the site line meeting (those that I could) and am very concerned about items that have been discussed.

Why on earth would you or anyone put a plant of this size in a residential neighborhood? At this time nobody is complaining about the existing plant already there even though we do have concerns about the air quality, etc. But would you want it in your neighborhood? If you can honestly say yes, then go ahead and vote for the expansion, but if you wouldn't want it right next to you, you should be voting no. There is no real good reason to expand this plant site and to say it's the most obvious and realistic means of generating more power, that's a bunch of <u>bull!</u> (excuse my language, but there is not a nice way of putting it).

And, for SRP and those in favor of this expansion to keep using California as an example is ridiculous. It doesn't even come close to comparison. I lived in Northern California all my life. When they even propose to put a power plant way outside of civilization everyone opposes it, so they have created their additional power problems and deserve to not have power. That's not the case here. We are not saying that power plants are not needed, we are proposing to put it out further, where there are no houses and residents right in the vicinity. There's a lot of land out there and areas with no residential neighborhoods and it should stay that way. A plant of this magnitude should not be allowed to have residential housing right next to it. It seems to me that SRP is just looking out for the \$\$\$\$, not what's best for Gilbert and surrounding areas. And, all the so-called concessions are weak. If they are so willing to make all these concessions, then they already know it's not the right thing to do and so do you.

The Gilbert area already has more asthmatics (children and adults) as was published in the Arizona Republic for weeks. Why do these people need more poor air quality to add to their medical conditions—or don't you care. The air quality is already going down the tubes. And what about the water and safety issues? All the landscaping improvements and concessions being made can't make up for the negatives of this expansion.

With so many other options, why would you allow this expansion in Gilbert. Is it to have Arizona put on the national map as being the only state to allow a power plant of this magnitude

to be built in a residential area? I think we can think of a lot more other positive things about Arizona to list if we need the publicity. And just because the town of Gilbert's past government officials made one poor decision some time ago in allowing even the small plant to be built where it is when it was zoned agricultural, does that mean the Arizona Corporate Commission should allow even a bigger mistake to be made? I hope not.

Voting for the expansion in Gilbert would be a political decision not what's best for the community which is what I see your job as being. We feel you are there to protect the people along with the needs of the state and balance it with what's right and wrong.

Please make your decision carefully. Our children and future generation's lives could depend on your decision. This also doesn't just have a negative impact on Gilbert, but its surrounding communities as well. This is not the location for a power plant of that magnitude.

Sincerely,

Gale Elliott
A Gilbert Resident

Cc: Jim Irvin, Commissioner

Marc Spitzer, Commissioner

Honorable Jane Hull, Governor of Arizona

Mayor, Town of Gilbert

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I am writing you today to voice my concern with the SRP San Tan Expansion Project. It disheartens me that no one on the Gilbert City Council has stood up against this atrocity. My family and I moved here in March' 1998 to get away from the congestion in the Foothills located in Phoenix. We moved here to take advantage of the wide-open rural area with beautiful scenery. However, it now looks like that will be taken away unless you act against the expansion project. I voted for you in the last Election because of your promise to support the consumer. Now here is your chance. Please stand up and turn down this project.

Sincerely,

1240 E Sheffield Court

Gilbert, AZ 85296